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WELCOME

Welcome to the Nevada's Early Intervention Services Annual Report. We invite parents, service providers, advocates, higher education training institutions, advisory members, decision makers, health care providers, and the community-at-large to join us in sharing information and resources to support our youngest residents and their families. As this Annual Report demonstrates, State Fiscal Year 2007 has many accomplishments to celebrate.

This year's report provides a glimpse of the many accomplishments of the Bureau of Early Intervention Services and describes how early intervention providers have helped to enrich the lives of infants and toddlers with developmental delays. The successes found in this report are due to the dedication of all of those involved. Every family that participates in early intervention services is a beneficiary of the hard work and dedication of staff. Early intervention providers are the magicians in juggling all of the services that they provide on a daily basis. Clearly, it takes a team approach between parents and staff to improve the developmental skills of young children that will be the foundation for school success.

Today, five early intervention programs continue to serve families of infants and toddlers with developmental delays across Nevada. Every early intervention employee from these five programs have touched the lives of 3,058 families during State Fiscal Year 2007. We continue to work towards a goal of reaching all children who need services. We still have work to do.

As we continue into State Fiscal Year 2008, the Bureau is counting on Nevada's families, elected officials, community partners, and advisory bodies to guide and improve Nevada's early intervention system. For more information, please also access the Bureau's websitewww.health.nv.gov or call Project Assist, an information and referral hotline at 1-800-522-0066.

Sincerely,

Janelle Mulvenon, Chief Bureau of Early Intervention Services The Mission of Nevada's Bureau of Early Intervention Services is to identify infants and toddlers who are at-risk for, or who have developmental delays; provide services and supports to families to meet the individualized developmental needs of their child; and facilitate the child's learning and participation in family and community life through the partnerships of families, caregivers and service providers.



My daughter has Down syndrome. My darling daughter has taught us what a real human being is. She is very loving and is always smiling and, thank God, very healthy. My daughter has been in Early Intervention since she was one month old and the truth is that it not only has helped her, but also us. It has helped us a lot because they have explained all our questions and doubts very well. Many thanks for everything. My daughter has made a lot of progress with the help of your specialists.

Jacqui is very happy because she has three brothers and a seven-month-old sister that she loves a lot!

Guiding Principles

Children are special and unique:

- All children are unique, with their individual strengths and talents. The presence of a disability or special need is not the defining characteristic of a child.
- Children grow, develop and learn in the context of relationships with their families and other caregivers in everyday routines, activities, and community settings.
- Early Intervention enhances and supports community partners' capacity to serve and include young children with disabilities and their families, as all children have the right to belong, to be welcomed and to participate fully in their community.

Families are central to decision making:

- Each family's priorities, values, hopes and diversity are honored.
- Families are partners and decision-makers in all aspects of services, as they are the experts about their child and family's needs.

The early intervention role:

- Service providers across all disciplines value family participation and collaboration.
- Mutual trust, respect, honesty and open communication characterize the family-provider relationship, building on family strengths.

Services and supports:

Services, supports and resources need to be timely, flexible, individualized and responsive to the changing needs of children and their families.



Bureau of Early Intervention Services has regional sites in the Las Vegas (3), Reno, Carson City, Elko, and Ely areas. In addition, REM Nevada and Easter Seals of Southern Nevada, private community organizations, are contracted to provide Part C, Early Intervention services in the southern region. Staff at each location provide comprehensive, family-centered, community-based, multidisciplinary early intervention services as directed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-446). The following programs are provided:

- 1. Nevada Part C Early Intervention Program provides services to children from ages birth through two years experiencing developmental delays and/or have a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delays. The services are provided to families to enhance their child's participation in home and community activities. This program operates under state policy and federal regulations that ensure specific parent rights. Before a child receives services, a comprehensive evaluation must be completed to determine eligibility. The parent and a team of professionals determine specific services.
- 2. Screening and Monitoring Program provides follow-up services to help determine if a child is playing, talking, growing, and moving like other children the same age. At any time, a family can request a referral to the Early Intervention Program to determine if their child is eligible for specialized services, which are administered in accordance with federal law and include parent rights.
- **3. Specialty Clinics** are held in the areas of genetic disorders, metabolic disorders and cleft palate/craniofacial. Any child under the age of three can be referred to any of these clinics, which are held in Las Vegas and Reno.
- **4. Hearing Screening Program** available for any child under the age of three who may have a hearing concern and/or a hospital or physician has recommended a follow-up hearing test. These services are available in Las Vegas and Reno.

EARLY INTERVENTION PERFORMANCE DATA FISCAL YEAR 2007

Who Referred Families To Early Intervention Services?

Table #1: Total Number of Children Referred, by Referral Source by Program

				Pr	ogram							
Referral Source	Southern Early Inte	ervention	Northwestern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Northeastern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Easter Seals of Southern Nevada		REM Nevada		Tot	tal
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Physician/Pediatrician	742	19.6	367	9.7	27	0.7	74	1.9	65	1.7	1,275	33.7
Social Service Agencies	468	12.4	296	7.8	39	1.0	19	0.5	3		825	21.8
Parent	424	11.2	84	2.2	45	1.2	19	0.5	6	0.1	578	15.3
Hospital	204	5.4	238	6.3	13	0.3	27	0.7	37	0.9	519	13.7
Other/Friends/Relatives	88	2.3	82	2.2	4	0.1	7	0.2	1		182	4.8
Public/Community Health Facilities	57	1.5	33	0.9	10	0.3	6	0.1	5	0.1	111	2.9
Screening and Monitoring	38	1.0	55	1.5	0		0		0		93	2.5
Health Care Providers	34	0.8	23	0.6	7	0.2	3		2		69	1.8
Project Assist	31	0.8	12	0.3	0		1		9	0.2	53	1.4
Local Education Agencies	32	0.8	15	0.4	2		3		0		52	1.4
Day Care Facility	10	0.3	9	0.2	7	0.2	2		0		28	0.7
Total	2,128	56.2	1,214	32.1	154	4.1	161	4.3	128	3.4	3,785	100.0

How Many Children Were Served Throughout 2007?

Table #2: Total Number of Children Served, by Referral Source by Program

				Pr	ogram					Ì		
Referral Source	Southern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Northwestern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Northeastern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Easter Seals of Southern Nevada		REM Nevada		Tot	tal
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Physician/Pediatrician	686	22.4	390	12.8	48	1.6	26	0.9	23	0.8	1,173	38.4
Parent	373	12.2	107	3.5	38	1.2	8	0.3	2	0.1	528	17.3
Hospital	253	8.3	194	6.3	22	0.7	10	0.3	9	0.3	488	16.0
Social Service Agencies	151	4.9	98	3.2	30	1.0	8	0.3			287	9.4
Other/Friends/Relatives	94	3.1	60	2.0	5	0.2	4	0.1			163	5.3
Public/Community Health Facilities	90	2.9	29	0.9	10	0.3	2	0.1	2	0.1	133	4.3
Screening and Monitoring	53	1.7	52	1.7	5	0.2					110	3.6
Health Care Providers	40	1.3	41	1.3	7	0.2	2	0.1			90	2.9
Local Education Agencies	21	0.7	20	0.7	2	0.1	2	0.1			45	1.5
Project Assist	15	0.5	5	0.2			1	0.0	5	0.2	26	0.9
Day Care Facility	5	0.2	5	0.2	4	0.1	1	0.0			15	0.5
Total	1,781	58.2	1,001	32.7	171	5.6	64	2.1	41	1.3	3,058	100.0

Table #3: Total Number of Children Served, by Referral Source, by Age When Referred

			Age	е				
Referral Source	Birth to	One	One to Two		Two to Three		Tot	al
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Physician/Pediatrician	480	15.7	370	12.1	323	10.6	1,173	38.4
Parent	153	5.0	190	6.2	185	6.0	528	17.3
Hospital	468	15.3	13	0.4	7	0.2	488	16.0
Social Service Agencies	125	4.1	108	3.5	54	1.8	287	9.4
Other/Friends/Relatives	37	1.2	58	1.9	68	2.2	163	5.3
Public/Community Health Facilities	66	2.2	44	1.4	23	0.8	133	4.3
Screening and Monitoring	47	1.5	44	1.4	19	0.6	110	3.6
Health Care Providers	45	1.5	26	0.9	19	0.6	90	2.9
Local Education Agencies	2	0.1	15	0.5	28	0.9	45	1.5
Project Assist	5	0.2	12	0.4	9	0.3	26	0.9
Day Care Facility	1	0.0	6	0.2	8	0.3	15	0.5
Total	1,429	46.7	886	29.0	743	24.3	3,058	100.0

Table #4: Total Number of Children Served, by Age by Gender

		Gen						
Age	Fema	ale	Mal	е	Total			
	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Birth to One	659	21.6	770	25.2	1,429	46.7		
One to Two	299	9.8	587	19.2	886	29.0		
Two to Three	191	6.2	552	18.1	743	24.3		
Total	1,149	37.6	1,909	62.4	3,058	100.0		

Table #5: Total Number of Children Served, by Race/Ethnicity by Gender

		Gen	der			
Race/Ethnicity	Mal	е	Fema	ale	Tot	al
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	1,043	34.1	585	19.1	1,628	53.2
Hispanic or Latino	561	18.3	377	12.3	938	30.7
Black or African American	177	5.8	98	3.2	275	9.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	108	3.5	62	2.0	170	5.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	20	0.7	27	0.9	47	1.5
Total	1,909	62.4	1,149	37.6	3,058	100.0

Table # 6: Total Number of Children Served, by Eligibility by Age

			Age	е					
Eligibility	Birth to	One	One t	o Two		o to ree	Total		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
50% Delay in one area	212	6.9	463	15.1	457	14.9	1,132	37.0	
Physical or Mental Condition	930	30.4	130	4.3	58	1.9	1,118	36.6	
25% Delay in two areas	233	7.6	264	8.6	195	6.4	692	22.6	
Informed Clinical Opinion	28	0.9	18	0.6	30	1.0	76	2.5	
Hearing Impaired	13	0.4	7	0.2	1	0.0	21	0.7	
Visually Impaired	11	0.4	4	0.1	1	0.0	16	0.5	
Deaf/Blind	2	0.1			1	0.0	3	0.1	
Total	1,429	46.7	886	29.0	743	24.3	3,058	100.0	

Table #7: Total Number of Children Served, by Region of Residence by Program

		Program												
Region of Residence	Southern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Northwestern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Northeastern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Easter Seals of Southern Nevada		REM Nevada		Total			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Clark	1,745	57.1					64	2.1	41	1.3	1,850	60.5		
Washoe			760	24.9							760	24.9		
All Other Counties	36	1.2	241	7.9	171	5.6					448	14.6		
Total	1,781	58.2	1,001	32.7	171	5.6	64	2.1	41	1.3	3,058	100.0		



Daniel's physical therapy sessions with Angie have taught his Mom how to exercise him every day! Daniel's occupational therapy sessions with Meg have taught Mom how to feed Daniel. Meg also gave Mom great tips on how to prepare Daniel's homemade meals and how to teach Daniel to chew!!! Daniel loves his days with Angie and Meg! He especially loves to see Danette, his Developmental Specialist.

"Everyone at Nevada Early Intervention Services has been so helpful to our family. We really do not know what we would have done without these services" - Mom and Dad

Table #8: Total Number of Children Served, by Type of Services by Services Setting

*Most of the Children Received Multiple Types of Services

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Type of Services	Hom	е	Program for Ty Devel Chil	pically oping	Program Desigr with Deve Delays/Di	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Special Instruction	6,278	36.4	161	0.9	7	0.0
Speech/Language Therapy	3,227	18.7	82	0.5	2	0.0
Physical Therapy	2,045	11.9	45	0.3	4	0.0
Occupation Therapy	1,579	9.2	41	0.2	10	0.1
Family Training, Counseling	1,061	6.2	27	0.2	2	0.0
Nutrition	1,007	5.8	22	0.1	6	0.0
Audiology	500	2.9	3	0.0	1	0.0
Intensive Behavioral Services	472	2.7	11	0.1		
Vision Services	274	1.6	1	0.0		
Assistive Technology	127	0.7				
Service Coordination	97	0.6				
Medical Services	77	0.4	1	0.0		
Social Work Services	11	0.1				
Health Services	4	0.0				
Nursing Services	4	0.0				
Transportation	3	0.0				
Psychological Services	1	0.0				
Total	16,767	97.3	394	2.3	32	0.2



Josue came to us at 6 months of age. He had a diagnosis of Hydranencephaly. His prognosis was poor. The family had only received negative feedback from the professionals that they had met with. They still had much hope and were thankful to have him, calling him a gift. Josue's family wholeheartedly jumped into services, giving him all the support that he needed. He currently is receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, nutrition, special instruction, vision and assistive technology services. Josue has grown and developed beyond what doctors had told the family that he would be able to do. His diagnosis has changed to hydrocephaly. The transition process will begin in October as we are getting Josue ready for transition from early intervention at the age of three. Josue is demanding, and elicits a lot of love from our staff and his family. He is sitting with support, activating his noisy, musical toys, and lets people know, with his voice, when he is happy or agitated. Josue's journey has been long and full of challenges, but he continues to fight. Mom has been an inspiration to our team; we are proud to be a part of their lives and look forward to watching Josue continue to grow and learn.—Roberta Gettes Developmental Specialist III

Table #8 (continued): Total Number of Children Served, by Type of Services by Services Setting

*Most of the Children Received Multiple Types of Services

			Service	es Setting				
Type of Services	Other S	Setting	Residentia	al Facility	Service Loca		Tota	al
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Special Instruction	13	0.1	10	0.1	3	0.0	6,472	37.5
Speech/Language Therapy	4	0.0	1	0.0			3,316	19.2
Physical Therapy			2	0.0	3	0.0	2,099	12.2
Occupation Therapy							1,630	9.5
Family Training, Counseling	3	0.0			2	0.0	1,095	6.4
Nutrition							1,035	6.0
Audiology					1	0.0	505	2.9
Intensive Behavioral Services							483	2.8
Vision Services							275	1.6
Assistive Technology					1	0.0	128	0.7
Service Coordination					1	0.0	98	0.6
Medical Services							78	0.5
Social Work Services							11	0.1
Health Services							4	0.0
Nursing Services							4	0.0
Transportation							3	0.0
Psychological Services							1	0.0
Total	20	0.1	13	0.1	11	0.1	17,237	100.0

Anthony was born at 25 weeks gestation in January 2005. He spent 4 months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) before coming home. He weighed 1lb 5 oz at birth. His main issues have been feeding and speech. He has received speech and feeding therapy from NEIS. He has made great strides in both speech and feeding as a result of the help that NEIS has provided.



Where Were Services Delivered?

Table #9: Total Number of Children Served, by Services Setting by Age

*Most of the Children Received Multiple Types of Services

Service Setting	Birth to	One	One to	Two	Two to	Three	Tota	ıl
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Home	9,500	55.1	4,600	26.7	2,667	15.5	16,767	97.3
Program Designed for Typically Developing Children	243	1.4	91	0.5	60	0.3	394	2.3
Program Designed for Children with Developmental Delays/Disabilities	29	0.2	3	0.0			32	0.2
Other Setting	1	0.0	17	0.1	2	0.0	20	0.1
Residential Facility	2	0.0	9	0.1	2	0.0	13	0.1
Service Provider Location	11	0.1					11	0.1
Total	9,786	56.8	4,720	27.4	2,731	15.8	17,237	100.0

Why Children Leave Early Intervention Services?

Table #10: Children Exited From Part C, by Exit Type by Program

				Prog	ram						
Exit Type	Southern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Northwestern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Northeastern Nevada Early Intervention Services		Easter Seals of Southern Nevada		Tot	otal	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Part B Eligible	333	26.7	219	17.5	37	3.0	7	0.6	596	47.8	
Part B Eligibility Not Determined	153	12.3	14	1.1	9	0.7	1	0.1	177	14.2	
Attempts To Contact Unsuccessful	87	7.0	47	3.8	4	0.3	1	0.1	139	11.1	
Moved Out Of State	62	5.0	42	3.4	11	0.9	2	0.2	117	9.4	
Withdrawal By Parent/Guardian	39	3.1	53	4.2	7	0.6	4	0.3	103	8.3	
Not Eligible For Part B, Exit With No Referrals	6	0.5	25	2.0	2	0.2			33	2.6	
Completion of IFSP Prior To Reaching Maximum Age For Part C	13	1.0	13	1.0	3	0.2			29	2.3	
Not Eligible For Part B, Exit To Other Programs	5	0.4	15	1.2	5	0.4			25	2.0	
Deceased	14	1.1	9	0.7					23	1.8	
Part B Eligibility Not Determined Due to Parent Declining	3	0.2	1	0.1			2	0.2	6	0.5	
Total	715	57.3	438	35.1	78	6.3	17	1.4	1,248	100.0	

Table #11: Children Exited From Part C, by Exit Type by Age

		Age							
Exit Type	Birth	Birth to One		One to Two		Two to Three		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Part B Eligible	193	15.5	164	13.1	239	19.2	596	47.8	
Part B Eligibility Not Determined	39	3.1	42	3.4	96	7.7	177	14.2	
Attempts To Contact Unsuccessful	58	4.6	40	3.2	41	3.3	139	11.1	
Moved Out Of State	65	5.2	34	2.7	18	1.4	117	9.4	
Withdrawal By Parent/Guardian	54	4.3	36	2.9	13	1	103	8.3	
Not Eligible For Part B, Exit With No Referrals	12	1	14	1.1	7	0.6	33	2.6	
Completion of IFSP Prior To Reaching Maximum Age For Part C	22	1.8	6	0.5	1	0.1	29	2.3	
Not Eligible For Part B, Exit To Other Programs	5	0.4	10	0.8	10	0.8	25	2	
Deceased	21	1.7	2	0.2			23	1.8	
Part B Eligibility Not Determined Due to Parent Declining	2	0.2	1	0.1	3	0.2	6	0.5	
Total	471	37.7	349	28	428	34.3	1,248	100	

How Many Children had Eligibility and IFSP Completed within 45-Days?

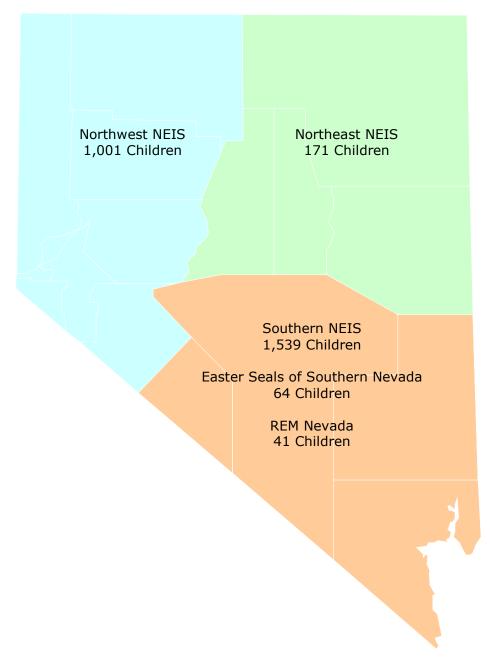
Table #12: Number of New IFSPs Over/Under the 45-Day Timeline

Program	FY05 Year End (Jul 04 – Jun 05)		FY06 Year End (Jul 05 – Jun 06)		FY07 Year End (Jul 06 – Jun 07)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Statewide <45 Days	318	25	783	67.1	1596	92.5
Statewide >45 Days	956	75.0	384	32.9	129	7.5
Southern Nevada Early Intervention Services <45 Days	74	9.3	475	64.9	903	91.5
Southern Nevada Early Intervention Services >45 Days	719	90.7	257	35.1	84	8.5
Northwestern Nevada Early Intervention Services <45 Days	187	49.0	240	70.0	511	94.5
Northwestern Early Intervention Services >45 Days	195	51.0	103	30.0	30	5.5
Northeastern Early Intervention Services <45 Days	57	57.6	68	73.9	85	92.4
Northeastern Nevada Early Intervention Services >45 Days	42	42.4	24	26.1	7	7.6
Easter Seals Southern Nevada <45 Days					56	87.5
Easter Seals Southern Nevada >45 Days					8	12.5
REM Nevada <45 Days					41	100.0
REM Nevada >45 Days					0	0.0

How Many Children Received Services Over The Course of the Year?

Table #13: Total Number of Children Served by Region by Program

During fiscal year 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007), approximately 314 early interventionists provided services to 3,058 children and their families.

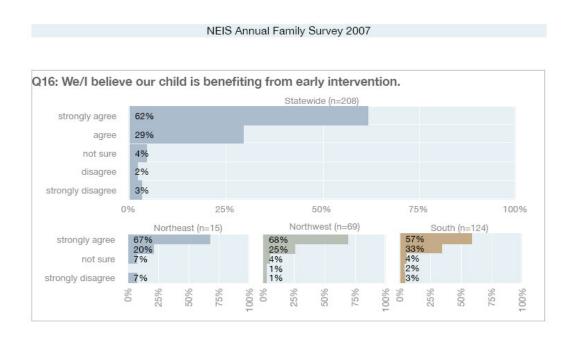


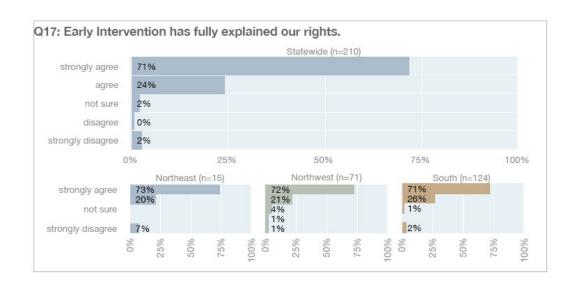
Easter Seals of Southern Nevada started receiving early intervention referrals on July 27, 2006, and REM Nevada started receiving early intervention referrals on February 5, 2007.

FAMILY SURVEY DATA

The Part C, IDEA office contracted with the Nevada University Center for Excellence in Disabilities (UCED) to conduct the annual survey for families served by all programs operating through the Bureau of Early Intervention Services. The 2007 Survey was distributed to all families who had been in early intervention services for at least six months between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. The six months in service requirement is a parameter established by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Program. The survey was sent to 916 families statewide and a total of 125 were returned, at a rate of 23%.

There were 20 content questions contained in the survey. In all but three (3) of the 20 survey questions, at least 90% of the families responded indicating that they strongly agree or agree with the question. Family agreement was below 90% in three questions. A sampling of the survey questions and results statewide follows:



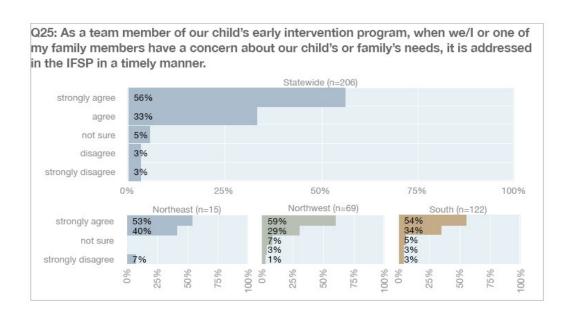


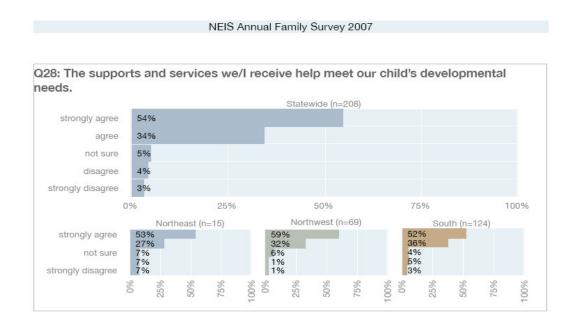
MEET THE BEHRENS FAMILY

Our relationship with Early Intervention started when Bryan was still in the NICU. He had a perinatal stroke and we were told that he would likely have a disability. Bryan is now two and does have multiple disabilities, including cerebral palsy. The thing that might surprise some people is that the biggest challenge of having a child with a disability does not always lie in the child himself. On the contrary, Bryan is a delight to have in our family; he is full of snuggles and smiles. As parents, the hardest thing we have faced has been feelings of isolation from other parents, as well as worry about what the future holds. The best way to overcome this has been by talking with other parents of children with disabilities – sharing experiences and information. I am hoping that soon we can start a networking group for parents of children with physical disabilities.

NEIS has been invaluable, but I think parents can take it one step further by being a source of support for each other. If anyone is interested in getting together with other parents of children with physical/multiple disabilities – give me a call or email! I would love to hear from you. Nora Behrens — cpparentnetwork@hotmail.com







A total of 119 families provided additional comments. Of these 88 (74%) contained very positive feedback and 31 (26%) offered suggestions for program improvement.

WHO ARE THE STAFF THAT SUPPORTED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES?

Bureau of Early Intervention Services State and Accustaff Employees, June 30, 2007		
Direct Service Staff	251	
Management Staff	18	
Administrative	21	
Support Staff		
Fiscal Staff	11	
Part C Staff	8	
Bureau Staff	5	
Total	314	

^{*} Does not include REM and Easter Seals staff

COSTS OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

FY07 Budget and Expenses

The budget expenditures for the Bureau of Early Intervention Services, including its regional service sites and the Part C Office, was \$20,197,892.66 from state and federal sources. Federal sources include Part C, IDEA funds, Maternal Child Health Grant, Child Care Development Funds, and Medicaid. Private commercial insurance is billed with parent permission.

FY07 Actual Expenditures by Funding Source:

State Funds	\$13,934,991.45
Federal Funds	\$5,464,793.54
Medicaid/Insurance	\$798,107.67
Total Bureau of Early Intervention Services Expenditures	\$20,197,892.66

^{*}Only \$60,529.55 of State General Funds was reverted in SFY 07.



"Roben was a micro-premature baby born at 26 weeks and weighing 1 pound, 9 ounces. She had a heart operation at 3 weeks and has had severe reflux and kidney problems. Without the help of her NEIS speech therapist Monica, I could barely feed Roben. Now she can take a bottle easily and enjoys exploring solid foods. Her interventionist, Jennifer, has been instrumental in her physical, cognitive, and social development." - Helen Goodale, mother of Roben

A YEAR IN REVIEW FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Northeastern Early Intervention Services (NE-NEIS)

NE-NEIS operates from two offices:

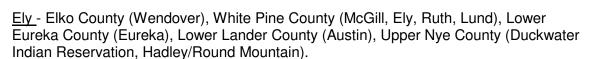
Elko

1020 Ruby Vista Drive, Ste. 102 Elko, NV 89801

Ely

435 South 13th Street Ely, NV 89301

The Northeastern staff covers the following:



<u>Elko</u> – Elko County (all areas including Wendover), Upper Eureka County (Beowawe, Crescent Valley, Dunphy), Upper Lander County (Battle Mountain), and some of Humboldt County (Winnemucca).

Reno - One Developmental Specialist works out of the Reno site and covers Pershing County (Lovelock) and Humboldt County (Winnemucca, Imlay, McDermitt, and Denio).

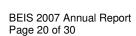
Accomplishments

- The previous "rural" territory was officially carved out of the Northern region into its own Northeastern region. The Northern region took over western rural areas leading to all three NEIS regions now having rural service delivery areas.
- The Ely site office moved into its permanent home on the Head Start grounds. This move allows for more collaboration between NEIS, Head Start, Early Head Start, Women and Infants and Children Program (WIC), and Family to Family.
- NE-NEIS staff and the Knights of Columbus (KOC) collaborated again to participate in their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Staff stood alongside KOC members at different major stores throughout Elko and Spring Creek to hand out information on NEIS. The proceeds from the drive netted the parent fund \$1,800.
- NE-NEIS direct service staff in collaboration with the Family Resource Center of Northeastern Nevada and Family Respite of Northeastern Nevada started an evening parent/child group. This class was held on Tuesdays throughout winter and spring
- 92% of the Northeastern region's Individualized Family Service Plans were written within 45 days.
- Total miles driven in FY 07 by Northeastern staff:

Motor Pool cars: 102,300* Personal Mileage: 6,229

TOTAL: 108,529 miles *Increased from 77,565 in FY 06

 NE-NEIS staff supported the internships of two social workers, one speech therapist, and one early childhood special education student.



Northwestern Early Intervention Services (NW-NEIS)

NW-NEIS operates from two offices:

Reno 2667 Enterprise Road Reno, NV 89512

Carson City 3427 Goni Road, Ste. 104 Carson City, NV 89706



- Family to Family playgroups continue to be a success. They are held every Wednesday at the NW-NEIS site and at the Family to Family Wells Avenue site.
- The service delivery model has been reconfigured to include more playgroups. A pilot project of playgroups for children 30 months and older has begun to ready them for transitioning into the school district or community. The playgroups provide parent networking and support, as well as social skills enhancement with typically developing children.
- Behavioral Assessment Teams (BAT) have been reconfigured to include the most experienced staff and the number of teams have decreased from four to two. Each team will mentor new staff through the process of becoming a BAT member, which will allow, over the course of time, to maintain qualified staff.
- The Northwestern region saw a 36% increase in the number of referrals in FY 07 from the previous year.
- Since last year, NW-NEIS has divided teams into geographic service regions to decrease the amount of travel and increase the efficiency of service delivery. The Carson City site has assimilated the former rural caseload from Silver Springs to Hawthorne.
- The Lytec electronic scheduling system is up and running. Staff are using Lytec to schedule their appointments, and billing staff can then reconcile kept appointments with submitted billing forms. This system will increase insurance revenues, which are invested in specialized therapies.
- A new Cerebral Palsy Parent Network is holding a playgroup and support group meeting at NW-NEIS the third Sunday of each month from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. under the direction of Nora Behrens, ICC Co-Chair and Parent Representative.
- In conjunction with Friends of Special Children (FSC), a new loaner hearing aid program
 has been implemented for children of NW-NEIS. The Sertoma Club generously
 provided funding for six loaner hearing aids, and the Reno Lion's Club generously
 provided funding for six more. The program allows children to have hearing aids, while
 their parents try to obtain permanent ones.

Southern Nevada Early Intervention Services (S-NEIS)

S-NEIS operates from three offices in Las Vegas:

S-NEIS-Valley View 1161 South Valley View Las Vegas, NV 89102

S-NEIS-Flamingo 3075 East Flamingo, Ste. 108 Las Vegas, NV 89121

S-NEIS-North 4528 West Craig Road, Ste. 290 Las Vegas, NV 89032



- S-NEIS staff members worked throughout the year on Outreach and Child Find activities. The highlight for the year was an Open House- Halloween Event held October 25, 2006. Invited guests included 411 family members and 61 community partners.
- Over the year, S-NEIS staff members presented information regarding NEIS to more than 25 community agencies that potentially refer children for early intervention services.
- S-NEIS staff members participated in and supported more than ten special community events, by hosting informational tables with brochures, handouts and activities to share with the public.
- A weekly e-mail newsletter, which includes community events for families to enjoy and a variety of informational topics for anyone interested in the development of young children, grew tremendously in the number of subscribers. Subscribers include 451 families, 226 community families, and 247 community partners.
- Explore and Learn community playgroups grew throughout the year to 30 different community sites. S-NEIS staff members (developmental specialists, therapists and family specialists) co-lead with community partners the parent/child groups. The inclusive groups include children and parents from S-NEIS and from the community.
- Sunrise Hospital- NICU Collaboration is a new project in which S-NEIS staff members meet with staff from the NICU and parents whose baby will be eligible for early intervention services. The team meets prior to the baby's discharge from the hospital to complete the intake, evaluation and IFSP. The S-NEIS staff members facilitate transition from the hospital to home.
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) were established with the five school districts (urban and rural) to ensure a smooth transition. There are also formal agreements with the City of Las Vegas Recreation Department, Clark County Recreation Department, Touro University-Occupational Therapy Department, and Henderson Recreation Department.
- NEIS Speech and Language Pathologists have been providing a nine-week course "It Takes Two To Talk" for parents. Parents learn the techniques and practice in the natural environment. Developmental Specialists are also being trained so that on home visits they can reinforce the skills learned by the parents.
- The Care Bear Team provides support to staff members who have a child on their caseload who passes away. The team provides emotional support, resources for the service coordinator, and family, if needed.
- To address the overwhelming number of children who were in need of occupational therapy and physical therapy consultations, a schedule was set up for children to be seen on Fridays at the Valley View site.

Easter Seals of Southern Nevada (ESSN)

ESSN operates from one location in Las Vegas:

Easter Seals of Southern Nevada
6200 West Oakey Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89146



Accomplishments:

- Easter Seals of Southern Nevada (ESSN) celebrated its one-year anniversary for providing early intervention services to children and families in July 2007.
- A total of 64 children were served during FY 07.
- ESSN established a toy and adaptive equipment loan library for families to provide examples of developmentally appropriate toys that meet the child's unique physical, communication, and cognitive needs.
- ESSN staff have received numerous trainings from Part C staff and have completed training in the use of the Hawaii Early Learning Profile and have transitioned to using this curriculum-based assessment for all new eligibility assessments.

REM Nevada

REM Nevada operates from one location in Las Vegas:

REM Nevada

5693 South Jones, Ste. 118

Las Vegas, NV 89118



- REM Nevada began providing early interventions services to the first child on February 24, 2007.
- A total of 41 children were served during FY 07.
- Staff received extensive training from Part C, including New Employee Orientation, IFSP, Transitions, Developing Functional Outcomes and Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF).
- A Transition Memorandum of Understanding was finalized with the Clark County School District.
- Collaborative partnerships have been formed with UNLV and three of our staff are attending the NEIS Cohort for completion of the endorsement.

Part C, IDEA Office

Part C operates from two locations:

Carson City 3427 Goni Road, Ste. 108 Carson City, NV 89706

Las Vegas 4528 West Craig Road, Ste. 290 Las Vegas, NV 89032



- The Early Childhood Outcomes Project was launched as part of the six year State Performance Plan. Data will be compiled on every child who entered early intervention in October 2006 to determine if early intervention made a difference in their development.
- A Hearing Task Force was established to look at systems and procedures statewide to ensure that children identified through Universal Newborn Hearing Screening are referred to early intervention services. New audiology equipment was purchased in the Northwestern and Southern regions.
- Vision Impaired InService in America (VIISA) training was provided to 25 early intervention staff statewide to create a larger pool of service providers trained in working with children with visual impairment.
- Part C, IDEA co-sponsored a DEC pre-conference workshop on Challenging Behaviors, in Reno, as part of the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children Conference.
- Funding was provided to Family Ties for four early intervention parents to attend Partners in Policymaking training. Two of those graduates have become ICC parent representatives for the Northwest region.
- New employee orientation was provided to approximately 64 new staff statewide.
- Trainings were provided across the various regions on IFSPs, functional outcomes, service coordination, procedural safeguards and transition.
- Effective Practice Guideline Modules for Transition and Service Coordination were completed and distributed to early intervention staff statewide.
- A new Child Find poster was completed for statewide dissemination and a statewide mailing was sent to 1,100 physicians promoting referral to early intervention.
- Approximately 6,000 English and 4,000 Spanish Early Intervention Brochures for Protect and Immunize Nevada's Kids (PINK) were given to new mothers in southern Nevada.
- The milk carton campaign for Child Find has continued during October's Children with Special Health Care Needs month, with Anderson and Model Dairies. Estimation of dissemination is 550,000 cartons in the south and 35,000 cartons in the north.
- Funding for the Nevada Blind Children's Foundation in Las Vegas has continued to support monthly parent support groups and outreach activities.
- Collaborative relationships have been formed with Parent Support and Education Workgroup for Healthy Kids Benefit Committee, Positive Behavioral Support, Head Start State Collaboration Project, and Health Division Autism Task Force.

LINKING EARLY INTERVENTION DATA TO STATE BIRTH DATA

The Tracking Resources and Children (TRAC) data collection system was linked to 2003-2006 State Birth Data in an attempt to gain more information about the causes of developmental delays in children. There were a total of 3,058 children served by the Bureau of Early Intervention Services during fiscal year of 2007 (07/01/2006-06/30/2007), 2,217 unique children were linked to the birth data. Excluding the 122 children born in 2007 where data is not yet available, about 75.5% of children served were linked to the birth data. Below is the distribution and percentage by birth year.

Birth Year	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Number Linked to Birth Data	% Linked to Birth Data
2003	433	326	75.3%
2004	1,107	805	72.6%
2005	843	640	75.9%
2006	553	446	80.7%
2007	122	N/A	N/A
Total	3,058	2,217	75.5%

Birth Weight Groups Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Birth Weight Groups	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Normal Birth Weight (>=2,500g,<=8,000 g)	1,588 (71.63%)	133,335 (91.6%)
Low Birth Weight (>=1,500g, <2,500g)	355 (16.01%)	10,125 (6.96%)
Very Low Birth Weight (<1,500g)	274 (12.36%)	1,954 (1.34%)
Unknown	0	135 (0.09%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Gestational Age Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Weeks of Gestation	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
<= 37 Weeks	900 (40.60%)	29,969 (20.59%)
>37 Weeks	1,270 (57.28%)	113,029 (77.66%)
Unknown	47 (2.12%)	2,551 (1.75%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Number of Births Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Number of Births	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Single Birth	2,015 (90.89%)	140,978 (96.86%)
Twin	178 (8.03%)	4,320 (2.97%)
Three or more	24 (1.08%)	223 (0.15%)
Unknown	0	28 (0.02%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Tobacco Used During Pregnancy Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Tobacco Used	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Yes	268 (12.09%)	11,289 (7.76%)
No	1,902 (85.79%)	131,817 (90.57%)
Unknown	47 (2.12%)	2,443 (1.68%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Alcohol Used During Pregnancy Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Alcohol Used	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Yes	29 (1.31%)	1,398 (0.96%)
No	2,140 (96.53%)	141,400 (97.15%)
Unknown	48 (2.17%)	2,751 (1.89%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Drugs Used During Pregnancy Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Drugs Used	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Yes	60 (2.71%)	1,685 (1.16%)
No	2,084 (94.0%)	139,666 (95.96%)
Unknown	73 (3.29%)	4,198 (2.88%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Trimester Began Prenatal Care Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Trimester Began Prenatal Care	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
No Care	108 (4.87%)	5,870 (4.03%)
First Trimester	1,511 (68.16%)	97,723 (67.14%)
Second Trimester	322 (14.52%)	23,665 (16.26%)
Third Trimester	66 (2.98%)	5,331 (3.66%)
Unknown	210 (9.47%)	12,960 (8.9%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Prenatal Care Adequacy Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003 2006

Prenatal Care Adequacy	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
No Care	108 (4.87%)	5,859 (4.03%)
Adequate	1,336 (60.26%)	86,593 (59.49%)
Intermediate	414 (18.67%)	30,423 (20.90%)
Inadequate	151 (6.81%)	9,852 (6.77%)
Unknown	208 (9.38%)	12,822 (8.81%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Mother's Education Level Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Mother's Education Level	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Less Than H.S.	520 (23.46%)	40,251 (27.65%)
H.S. or G.E.D.	699 (31.53%)	44,816 (30.79%)
Some Post H.S.	493 (22.24%)	31,669 (21.76%)
College or Higher	439 (19.8%)	24,366 (16.74%)
Unknown	66 (2.98%)	4,447 (3.06%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Father's Education Level Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Father's Education Level	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Less Than H.S.	297 (13.4%)	22,538 (15.48%)
H.S. or G.E.D.	539 (24.31%)	36,493 (25.07%)
Some Post H.S.	356 (16.06%)	23,478 (16.13%)
College or Higher	393 (17.73%)	22,460 (15.43%)
Unknown	632 (28.51%)	40,580 (27.88%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Various Comparisons, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

All Others	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Mother Married to Father of the Baby	1,306 (58.91%)	83,875 (57.63%)
No Complication of Labor/Delivery	897 (40.46%)	79,219 (54.43%)
No Obstetric Procedures	126 (5.68%)	8,272 (5.68%)
Prescription Drugs Used During Pregnancy	776 (35.00%)	50,750 (34.87%)
Over The Counter Drugs Used During Pregnancy	184 (8.30%)	12,571 (8.64%)
Total	2.217 (100%)	145.549 (100%)

Method of Delivery Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Method of Delivery	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
Vaginal	1,196 (53.95%)	98,140 (67.43%)
Vaginal Birth After Previous C-Section	22 (0.99%)	1,122 (0.77%)
C-Section	629 (28.37%)	26,362 (18.11%)
Repeat C-Section	341 (15.38%)	18,155 (12.47%)
Forceps	1 (0.05%)	101 (0.07%)
Vacuum	12 (0.54%)	691 (0.47%)
Unknown	16 (0.72%)	978 (0.67%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Medical Risk Factor for This Pregnancy Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Medical Risk Factor for This Pregnancy	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
None	1,101 (49.66%)	91,192 (62.85%)
Anemia (Hct.<30/Hgb.<10)	24 (1.08%)	1,548 (1.06%)
Cardiac Disease	10 (0.45%)	255 (0.18%)
Acute or Chronic Lung Disease	14 (0.63%)	371 (0.25%)
Diabetes	53 (2.39%)	2,542 (1.75%)
Genital Herpes	22 (0.99%)	858 (0.59%)
Hydramnios/Oligohydramnios	74 (3.34%)	2,609 (1.79%)
Hemoglobinopathy	0	18 (0.01%)
Hypertension, Chronic	18 (0.81%)	474 (0.33%)
Hypertension, Pregnancy Associated	76 (3.43%)	2,867 (1.97%)
Eclampsia	1 (0.05%)	116 (0.08%)
Incompetent Cervix	14 (0.63%)	472 (0.32%)
Previous Infant 4,000+ Grams	4 (0.18%)	405 (0.28%)
Previous Preterm or Small-For-Gestational-Age	26 (1.17%)	549 (0.38%)
Renal Disease	0	32 (0.02%)
Rh Sensitization	19 (0.86%)	652 (0.45%)
Uterine Bleeding	16 (0.72%)	344 (0.24%)
Other	694 (31.3%)	37,522 (25.78%)
Unknown	51 (2.3%)	2,723 (1.87%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)

Mother's Age Groups Comparison, Children served by BEIS in FY 2007 vs. Nevada Total, 2003-2006

Mother's Age Groups	Children Served by BEIS in FY 2007	Nevada Total 2003-2006
<=14	0	260 (0.18%)
15-17	53 (2.39%)	5,282 (3.63%)
18-19	111 (5.01%)	10,374 (7.13%)
20-24	535 (24.13%)	38,765 (26.63%)
25-29	601 (27.11%)	40,768 (28.01%)
30-34	491 (22.15%)	31,156 (21.41%)
35-39	303 (13.67%)	15,352 (10.55%)
40-44	109 (4.92%)	3,326 (2.29%)
45+	14 (0.63%)	220 (0.15%)
Unknown	0	46 (0.03%)
Total	2,217 (100%)	145,549 (100%)